



Georgia Board for Physician Workforce

State of Georgia

Georgia Board for Physician Workforce Meeting Summary

**Saturday, February 7, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Emory University
Atlanta, GA**

Board Members Present:

Ralph Austin, Jr., M.D.; Brian K. Burdette; Edward D. Conner, M.D.; Jacinto del Mazo, M.D.; J. Daniel Hanks, Jr., M.D.; Thomas L. Hatchett, Jr., M.D.; Gilbert S. Klemann, M.D.; James R. Lowry; E. Chandler McDavid, M.D.; Joe Sam Robinson, Jr., M.D.

Board Members Absent:

D. Wayne Martin; Reuben Roberts, Jr., M.D.

Staff Present:

Cherri Tucker, Colette Caldwell, Kelly McNamara, Olive Jones-Golden

Guests Present:

William Bina, III, M.D., Mercer University School of Medicine; Frank Don Diego, M.D., Atlanta Medical Center; Linda Womack, Emory University; G.E. Alan Dever, M.D., Ph. D., Health Services Analysis and Atlanta Medical Center; Shade Omole, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; Frances Dunston, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; Martha Elks, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; Joseph Hobbs, M.D., Medical College of Georgia; Walter Moore, M.D., Medical College of Georgia; James Zaidan, M.D., MBA, Emory University School of Medicine; Betsy Bates, Morehouse School of Medicine; Benjamin Robinson, University System of Georgia; Jim Pettyjohn, Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission; Hugh D. Sosebee, Jr., Mercer University; Bryan Forlines, Medical Center of Central Georgia; Grant Gibbs, Senator Bob Smith's Office; Lindsay Erickson, Office of Planning and Budget; Stephen Sadowski, ECG Management Consultants; Eric Dahl, University of Georgia; John Bucholtz, D.O., The Medical Center, Columbus; Don McKenna, St. Mary's Hospital, Athens; Eddie Cheeks, M.D., Composite State Board of Medical Examiners; Dan Blumenthal, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; Mary Eleanor Wickersham, Governor's Office; Steven Lucas, M.D., Athens Regional Medical Center; Jack Drew, Athens Regional Medical Center.

AGENDA ITEMS

DISCUSSION/ ACTIONS/ NEXT STEPS

Action

On **Motion (Lowry/Klemann)**, the minutes from November 8, 2008 Board Meeting were approved as written.

Discussion/Next Steps

Athens/Gainesville New Program Development Phase 2 Feasibility Study Report – Jack Drew, CEO of Athens Regional, Don McKenna, CEO of St. Mary's Hospital in Athens, and Steven Sadowski, from ECG Consultants attended the meeting. An overview of the Phase 2 Feasibility Study Report was provided to members of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce. The overview and report included: a framework; relevant data; potential governance models; cost projections; and proposed timelines for decision making. A lengthy question and answer session was held. At the present time, the three hospitals have not committed to moving forward with establishing residency programs. There are significant concerns remaining about start-up funding, incremental and ongoing costs, the lack of support from medical staff in the communities, etc. The CEO's informed the GBPW that the full report will be presented to their respective hospital boards within the next week.

Discussion/Next Steps

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission – Dr. Joe Sam Robinson, who serves on the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, provided an overview of the Commission's work and discussed ideas of how the Trauma Commission and the GBPW may work together to improve the supply and distribution of physicians who provide trauma care. The GBPW also offered to collaborate with the GTCNC on a survey to determine the number and rate of physicians by defined specialties that provide trauma care.

Action

On **Motion (Klemann/Burdette)**, the Board approved the proposed changes to Georgia Board for Physician Workforce Rules & Regulations for release for public comment.

Information Item

The next meeting of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

Action

On **Motion (McDavid/Klemann)**, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.